

# EASTER VIGIL

*Holy Saturday, April 15, 1995*

*Presider: Robert Nagy*

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The Blessing of the Holy Fire*

*Preparation and Lighting of the Candle*

*Procession with the Easter Candle*

PRESIDER: *Christ Our Light*

ALL: *Thanks be to God*

## THE EXULTET:

*Sung by Ellen Edwards*


## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Creation – Beginnings – A Love Story...*

GENESIS - as proclaimed by Chris, Adrienne, Mary and Claire Elliott

*Sung Acclamation -*



 THE STORY OF ABRAHAM & ISAAC - Written by Michael Méthot - presented by Denise Roig

*Sung Acclamation*


 THE EXODUS STORY adapted from Edgar Allan Poe, David N. Bone and The Bible, adapted & read by Ray Beachemin

*Sung Acclamation*

*Prayer*

*Response: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word became flesh, Amen.*


*The Prophets – A Love Beyond Imagining...*

 A Reading from Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust by Yaffa Eliach - read by Peter Côté


*Sung Acclamation*




ISALAH 55:1-3, 9-11 read by Daryl Ross

 Sung Acclamation

BARUCH 3:14-15 and a modern day prophet - Selected and read by Pamela Bright

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EZEKIEL 36:16, 23-28 read by Wilczek Siemienski

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Prayer

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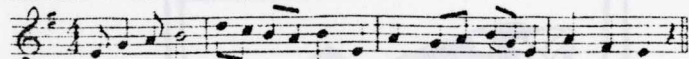
Presider intones the Gloria

 Glory to God

(Organ: SVC p. 223)

Peter Jones

REFRAIN 1: Cantor/All Repeat



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth.

CANTOR/CHOIR: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.  
(Refrain 1)

CANTOR/CHOIR: We worship you,

REFRAIN 2: All



glo-ry in the high-est.

CANTOR/CHOIR: Give you thanks, (Refrain 2)

CANTOR/CHOIR: Praise you for your glory. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR/CHOIR: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us;

REFRAIN 3: All



have mer-cy on us;

CANTOR/CHOIR: You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
Receive our prayer,

REFRAIN 4: All



re-ceive our prayer.

CANTOR/CHOIR: Glory to God, glory in the highest.  
Peace to his people, peace on earth. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR/CHOIR: For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,  
The glory of God the Father. (Refrain 1)


CANTOR/CHOIR: Amen. Amen.

EPISTLE - Romans 6:3-11 read by Christopher Siemienski

You have been taught that when we were baptized in Christ Jesus we were baptized in his death; in other words, when we were baptized we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realize that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

 Solemn Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu-ia.



HOMILY

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

*Litany of the Saints*

*Response to each Section - "Thanks be to God"*

*Sung refrain:*

*Here's to our heroes and saints  
Rest forever deep in our hearts  
The last and final moment is yours  
And liberty is your delight.*

*Blessing of the Baptismal Waters*

*Presider: Presentation of the Elect*

*Blessing of the Baptismal Water:*

*Presider: Maker of the earth and waters, hear our prayer*

*All: O God, make haste to this time of blessing*

*Presider: let freedom and mercy flow like water*

*All: Justice and integrity like an unfailing spring*

*Presider: Rise gentle flowing God, raise your spirit over these waters*

*All: Like a flood of life giving water to nurture the poor and the oppressed*

*Presider: Gentle God, listen to the wants of the humble of the earth: Strengthen their roots with your water*

*All: Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, with all your baptized people of every time and place, we praise you, we bless you, we sing your glory*

*Presider: By your Spirit you created the universe, by your Spirit Jesus was anointed King of our race, and by your Spirit we mortal folk, formed of soil, are called by your name and born into new life*

*All: Over the flood waters, through the Red Sea, across the River Jordan, your people have been carried from death to life*

*Presider: Pour now your Spirit upon this water. Make it a lively spring to quench our aching thirst. Make it a cleansing of what is soiled, within and without*

*All: Make it a flood sweeping us away from a deadly land into the dominion of your Son. Make it a sign on these your children of the name of salvation*

*Presider: That Name in whom we are baptized, the Name supporting the heavens and the earth, the Name of the crucified and risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord*

*All: Amen*

*Renunciation of Sin, Profession of Faith*

*Confirmation:*  
*Clare Elliott*  
*James Jacek-Côté*  
*Christopher Siemienski*  
*Alaric Le Blanc*





## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory - Christus Factus Est – Felice Anerio

"Christ was made obedient even to death, death on a cross.

God therefore exalted him and gave him a name excelling all others."

*Holy, Holy Holy*

*Memorial Acclamation*

*The Great Amen*

*Lamb of God*

*Communion - Christ Rising Again - W. R. Byrd*

*Solemn Easter Dismissal*

*Closing Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, — Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love, — Al - le - lu - ia!

During the canon the following is sung:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. Who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing, — Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, — Al - le - lu - ia!



## Allēluia!

Everyone is invited to join us after the liturgy for an Allēluia party at Belmore House (2496 West Broadway). Come share some snacks, great atmosphere and super people. Hopefully we will see you there!